

MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2006  
(Approved February 6, 2006)

The Board of Supervisors held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, January 16, 2006. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert F. Preston, W. Atlee Rinehart, John "Jay" Doering, Timothy Roland and Rosemarie Miller. Also in attendance were Casey LaLonde, Township Manager and John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor. Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. MINUTES**

Minutes of the January 3, 2006 Organizational Meeting

Under "Other Appointments," the vote to appoint Mr. John A. Koury, Jr., to the position of Township Solicitor was 3-0-2, with Mr. Preston and Mrs. Miller abstaining. Under "Other Appointments," Mr. Doering was appointed as Police Liaison with Mr. Rinehart. Under "Set Fee Schedule and Mileage Reimbursement," all Township consultants' fee schedules shall be attached to the adopted Township fee schedule.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2006 organizational meeting as amended. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes of the January 3, 2006 Monthly Meeting

Under "Minutes," the minutes of December 19, 2005 shall read, "Mrs. Miller abstained due to the fact that she did not take office until January 3, 2006."

Under "Public Comments," delete "and if waivers are to be requested they would be addressed by the Board at that time." Add "Maria Kardick of 70 Springhouse Lane," who made comments about the status of the sewer project.

Under "Adjournment," change David K. Leinbach to Rosemarie Miller as Township Secretary.

Mr. Doering made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2006 monthly meeting as amended. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Coine of 1134 Schoolhouse Road complained about trash blowing into the street from Betchel Garage on Bethel Church Road. The Code Enforcement Officer shall investigate.

**3. OTHER BUSINESS**

2006 Road Projects

A memorandum prepared by Public Works Supervisor Ray Kolb for the 2006 Road Projects was presented to the Board of Supervisors. Each of the roads listed were last paved in 1991. Included in the 2006 project list are the following:

Robert's Circle	(1 ½" asphalt overlay)
South Keim Street	(1 ½" asphalt overlay)
Wells Road (between Rt. 724	(storm sewer work and 1 ½" asphalt overlay)

and Old Schuylkill Road)  
Old Schuylkill Road (between (1 ½" asphalt overlay)  
Fricks Lock Road and Pheasant  
Lane – 860 linear feet)

Mr. Preston requested Old Schuylkill Road not be paved until major construction was completed at the Parker Ford Church of the Brethren and Coventry Glen. Mr. Doering stated that church construction should be complete in April. Mr. LaLonde stated that site work was complete at Coventry Glen and that only trucks delivery lumber and other building supplies would be impacting the road.

Mr. Doering questioned the need to overlay Robert's Circle, as it is a cul-de-sac and does not receive heavy traffic. After subsequently speaking with Ray Kolb, Robert's Circle was originally asphalt paved in the early 1980's, with an oil & chip overlay in 1991. All base restoration work was completed by Public Works in Fall 2005.

Mr. Doering made a motion to approve the 2006 Road Projects list. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to direct Arro Consulting to prepare the bid package and conduct inspections with a not to exceed price of \$4,000. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### Sewer

A general discussion of the Phase II sewer system, including funding sources occurred. Funding sources include PennVest, private bank loans, bond pools, or a bond issue for the \$5,500,000 Phase II sewer project.

There was a general consensus to pursue PennVest funding and open discussions with Chester County Health Department about conducting on-lot sewer inspections for the project area in an effort to increase our PennVest funding eligibility.

Bill Dingman of EDM Consultants was present to provide a Phase II sewer system design update. Mr. Dingman stated that bog turtles were indicated on the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI). A PNDI request is required before construction activities occur. The Board authorized Mr. Dingman to employ a biologist to do a bog turtle study in Spring 2006. Bog turtles are most apparent in their habitat during April and May. A bog turtle PNDI indication is not definitive proof bog turtles exist, just that the existing habitat may be suitable to bog turtle populations. The bog turtle study will determine whether bog turtles exist in the project area.

The Board directed Mr. Dingman to prepare the project bid documents to conform to PennVest requirements.

The Board directed the Township Manager to prepare a Request for Proposal for financial advisor services.

The Board directed the Township Manager to contact Pennsylvania American Water to inquire about expanding public water service to the sewer project area.

The Board also directed the Township Manager to do the following:

1. Prepare a Request for Proposal for a \$750,000 line of credit for project construction from local banks. A PennVest loan is a reimbursement loan, therefore the Township is required to secure a line of credit so construction may begin. The Township would then receive reimbursement from PennVest.
2. Contact local banks to facilitate low interest loans for residents required to tap into the Phase II sewer system.
3. Draft a “fact sheet” with information compiled by Mr. Roland. The fact sheet shall be placed on the Township website and be available at the Township building.

The Board directed the Township Solicitor to redraft “Addendum #1” and submit for Board approval. “Addendum #1” is an amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement between East Coventry Township, North Coventry Township and the North Coventry Municipal Authority granting East Coventry Township an additional, immediate 220 EDU’s for the Phase II sewer project.

Mr. Doering made a motion to direct the Township Solicitor to solicit proposals from local real estate appraisal specialists to conduct appraisals on the land required for sewer easements. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **5. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Doering made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to affix signatures to the various PennDOT annual reports as presented by the Township Manager. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors recessed into executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The Board of Supervisors reentered the regular meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Mr. Doering made a motion to pay the Code Enforcement, Inc., invoice in the amount of \$31,821.77. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried,

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Miller, Township Secretary